

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) LED assembly suitable to form a string and provided with an LED mounted with a mounting on a base, which base is provided with electric connection wires wherein the LED mounting and electric contacts to the connection wires are protected from the surroundings by a package of hot melt material.
2. (original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the hot melt material of the assembly provides for a protection according to at least IP 54.
3. (original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the assembly contains a plurality of LEDs.
4. (original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the assembly incorporates one or more electric components for local control.
5. (original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the hot melt material has a white, light scattering surface.

6. (original) LED assembly according to claim 1 wherein the base has a front side on which the LED mounting is present and a back side section which is free of the hot melt package material.

7. (currently amended) A string formed by a plurality of LED assemblies as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 wherein the LED assemblies are separated from each other by length of flexible contact wires.

8. (original) A plurality of strings each according to claim 6, which strings are electrically arranged as forming a matrix.